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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TSUTSUMI ET AL

Examiner

Vivian Chen

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 5-11 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from another multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over:

(a) FUNAKI ET AL (US 5,798,172), or

(b) YAMASAKI ET AL (US 5,518,817), or

(c) YOSHINAGA ET AL (US 5,707,719);

in view of DAVIS (US 5,037,700) or DRUSCHKE ET AL (US 4,529,772).

FUNAKI ET AL discloses oriented syndiotactic polystyrene films, wherein the films are suitable as supports of adhesive coatings. (entire document, e.g., line 30-40, col. 2; line 36-68, col. 4; line 1-17, col. 6)

YAMASAKI ET AL discloses oriented syndiotactic polystyrene films, wherein the films are suitable as supports of adhesive coatings. (entire document, e.g., line 5-12, col. 1; columns 3, 9; etc.)

YOSHINAGA ET AL discloses oriented syndiotactic polystyrene films, wherein the films are suitable as supports of adhesive coatings. (entire document, e.g., line 52-68, col. 4; line 56, col. 5 to line 30, col. 6; line 54-62, col. 7)

However, the references fail to explicitly disclose the recited coating.

DAVIS discloses that it is well known in the art to utilize water dispersible compositions comprising a copolymer comprising at least 60 wt% acrylate monomers and up to 39 wt% styrene as an adhesive coating, wherein the adhesive has a typical bond strength of 850 lb/in or more, in order to form useful adhesive articles. (line 60, col. 2 to line 5, col. 3; line 65-68, col. 6; Example 1)

DRUSCHKE ET AL discloses that it is well known in the art to utilize water dispersible compositions comprising a copolymer comprising 50-99 wt% acrylate monomers and up to 50 wt% styrene as an adhesive coating, wherein the adhesive has a typical bond strength of 0.6 N/2 cm or more, in order to form useful adhesive articles. (line 18-46, col. 2; line 5-12, col. 2; Table 2)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply known adhesive water-based coatings to the films of FUNAKI ET AL or YAMASAKI ET AL or YOSHINAGA ET AL in order to form highly adherent adhesive articles. One of ordinary skill in the art would have used conventional additives (e.g., crosslinking agents, etc.) to maintain high cohesion and adhesion in wet environments (claim 4).

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vivian Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1506. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney, can be reached on (571) 272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

The General Information telephone number for Technology Center 1700 is (571) 272-1700.

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